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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
De Souza, et al.  
Application No. 09/730,383  
Filed: December 6, 2000  
Title: E-COMMERCE APPLICATION  
SERVICE PROVIDER MICRO-  
BILLING METHOD AND SYSTEM

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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF  
: INVENTOR AND PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT  
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This is in response to the renewed "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed January 10, 2002.

Petitioner has submitted a Declaration executed by the previously non-signing inventor Celso Candido de Souza in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. Therefore, in view of the joinder of the inventors, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered moot. This application does not require Rule 1.47(a) status, and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a)

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-9200.

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